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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE  
LITIGATION

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ROBERT SPARANO and THERESA SPARANO,

21 MC 102 (AKH)

Civil Action No.:

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Plaintiff(s),

- against -

ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, AMERICAN EXPRESS  
BANK, LTD, AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY,  
AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES  
COMPANY, INC., AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE  
CLEARING LLC, AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE LLC,  
AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE REALTY ASSOCIATES  
LLC, AMEX COMMODITIES LLC, AMEX  
INTERNATIONAL INC., AMEX INTERNATIONAL LLC,  
AMEX SEAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., AMEX  
SPECIALISTS ASSOCIATION, INC., ANN TAYLOR  
STORES CORPORATION, BATTERY PARK CITY  
AUTHORITY, BFP TOWER C CO. LLC, BFP TOER C MM  
LLC., BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC  
CATASTROPHE, INC. D/B/A BMS CAT, BROOKFIELD  
FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD  
FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, LP, BROOKFIELD PARTNERS,  
LP, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION,  
BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC,  
ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC., GPS ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONSULTANTS, INC., HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL  
GROUP, LLC., INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
TECHNOLOGY, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES  
CO., LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., LEHMAN

BROTHERS, INC., LEHMAN COMMERCIAL PAPER, INC.,  
MCCLIER CORPORATION, MERRILL LYNCH & CO, INC.,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS,  
INC., NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, NEW YORK CITY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NOMURA  
HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA SECURITIES  
INTERNATIONAL, INC., STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC.,  
STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., TOSCORP  
INC., TRAMMELL CROW COMPANY, TRAMMELL CROW  
CORPORATE SERVICES, INC., TUCKER ANTHONY, INC.,  
WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., WFP RETAIL CO. G.P. CORP.,  
WFP RETAIL CO. L.P., WFP TOWER A CO., WFP TOWER  
A CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER A CO., L.P., WFP TOWER  
B CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER B HOLDING CO., LP, WFP  
TOWER B. CO., L.P., WFP TOWER D CO. G.P. CORP., WFP  
TOWER D HOLDING CO. I L.P., WFP TOWER D HOLDING  
CO. II L.P., WFP TOWER D HOLDING I G.P. CORP., AND  
WFP TOWER D. CO., L.P., ET AL,

Defendant(s).

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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION,  
as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off  
Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts  
ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8,  
2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site  
Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's, Answer to the Master  
Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off  
Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies  
knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment  
dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York  
October 10, 2007

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. McTiernan, Jr.', is written above a horizontal line.

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